## Suffolk County Board of Ethics Suffolk County, New York

Minutes of Meeting Held on April 24, 2013 Office of the Board of Ethics 335 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, New York 11980

<u>Meeting</u>: Board members present: Robin Long, Richard Halverson and Heather Palmore. Staff present: Samantha Segal, Executive Director and Darlene Kurrass, taking minutes.

<u>Roll Call</u>: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair, Robin Long. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Adoption of Agenda: At 6:00 p.m. a motion was made by Richard Halverson, seconded by Heather Palmore, to adopt the agenda. Upon a vote being taken motion was approved. (3-0-0)

Adoption of Minutes: At 6:00 p.m. a motion was made by Heather Palmore, seconded by Richard Halverson, to adopt the minutes of the April 10, 2013 meeting. Upon a vote being taken motion was approved. (3-0-0)

<u>Public Session</u>: At 6:01 p.m. Robin Long opened Public Session. No members of the public were present and no written testimony was submitted. At 6:01 p.m. Robin Long closed public session.

Robin Long, Chair, moved Executive Session up on the agenda.

The following four paragraphs were moved to outside of Executive Session for the purpose of the minutes:

- 1. Samantha Segal, Executive Director reported that the Board's bill to amend standing for Advisory Opinions was laid on the table Tuesday April 29th.
- 2. The Board reviewed the Sworn Statement to be sent to Elected Official's for the May 2013 filing.
- 3. The Board reviewed a letter from Samantha Segal, Executive Director stating that there was no employee of the Suffolk County Board of Ethics during the 2012 reporting year holding a title which would require a 2013 Financial Disclosure Statement be filed.
- 4. The Board discussed general items found to be incomplete upon an initial review of filed Financial Disclosure Statements.

Executive Session: At 6:01 p.m. a motion was made by Richard Halverson, seconded by Heather Palmore to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential matters pertaining to Financial Disclosure Statements, Advisory Opinions, a Complaint and Outside Counsel pursuant to § 105 (B), (D) and (F) of the New York State Open Meetings Law. Upon a vote being taken motion was approved. (3-0-0)

During Executive Session, the Board discussed:

- AO-2013-4, (3-0-0),
- AO-2013-7,
- AO-2013-8.

At 7:18 p.m. a motion was made by Richard Halverson, seconded by Robin Long to leave Executive Session. Upon a vote being taken motion was approved. (3-0-0)

At 7:18 p.m. a motion was made by Robin Long, seconded by Richard Halverson to approve qualifying Ingerman Smith, LLP as the Board's Outside Counsel. Upon a vote being taken motion was approved. (3-0-0).

Samantha Segal stated that the absent Board members Thomas Isles and Linda Spahr expressed their support for Ingerman Smith, LLP and asked that it be noted for the record.

Chair Report: Tabled.

<u>Executive Director Report</u>: Samantha Segal reported that Sixty-three Financial Disclosure Statements have been received by the Office of the Board of Ethics to date.

New Business: None.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on May 8, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Heather Palmore, seconded by Richard Halverson to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote being taken the motion was approved. (3-0-0) (7:20 p.m.)